

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of PBS Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, PBS Hawai'i was established in 1965 by the Hawai'i State Legislature as Hawai'i Educational Television (ETV) Network; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i ETV Network began broadcasting in 1966 as KHET-Channel 11, a closed circuit network serving the University of Hawai'i's Mānoa campus from studios in the University Laboratory School's Multipurpose Building and Wist Hall; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, flagship pioneering series, *Pau Hana Years*, premiered with host Bob Barker providing entertainment, information, and cultural opportunities for Hawai'i's seniors; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 with the installation of six translators, KHET expands its broadcast coverage to include the North Shore of O'ahu, as well as the island of Kaua'i; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, KHET aired a live broadcast from the U.S. Mainland, as well as its first major live remote broadcast; in 1969, aired *Sesame Street*, its first program endorsed by the National Educators Association and in 1971, began color broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, to expand KHET's lineup beyond educational and instructional programs, the Hawai'i State Legislature replaced Hawai'i ETV Network to form the Hawai'i Public Broadcasting Authority (HPBA) and moved to its current location on Dole Street; and

WHEREAS, in the years that followed, KHET premiered numerous award-winning nationally produced series and specials, including *Washington Week in Review*, *Frontline*, *NOVA*, *Antiques Roadshow*, *American Experience*, *Great Performances*, *The McNeil/Leher Report*, and locally produced shows such as *Dialog*, *The Navigators*, *Hawai'i: Strangers in Paradise*, a co-production with the National Geographical Society, *Rice and Roses*, *Hawai'i Cooks with Roy Yamaguchi*, *Na Mele: Traditions in Hawaiian Song*, *PBN Friday with Howard Dicus*, *Island Insights*, and much more; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Hawai'i Public Television became a private, nonprofit organization, removing itself from Hawai'i State Government and in 2003, became known as PBS Hawai'i, employing a full-time staff of 30 and 20 part-timers who are primarily students and a group of dedicated volunteers; and

WHEREAS, today, PBS Hawai'i continues to challenge the American mind while inspiring the American spirit, preserving American memories, enhancing meaningful dialogue and promoting global understanding, and

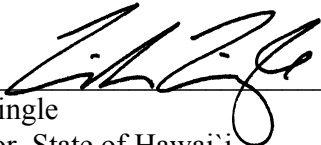
WHEREAS, as they celebrate their 40th anniversary, PBS Hawai'i looks to the future with the promise to uphold the high standards of broadcast excellence in serving the people of Hawai'i, guided by the principles of our mission to inform, inspire, and educate via high quality programming and services that add value to our diverse island community,

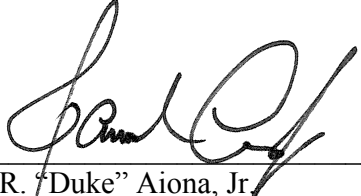
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim February 2, 2006, as

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in the Aloha State, and thank them for making television so educational and inspiring to such a wide range of viewers.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of February 2006.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i


James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i